

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A ligand-bonded complex comprising a microparticle directly or indirectly bonded to at least ~~one ligand~~ two ligands, the ~~ligand~~ ligands having an affinity for both a free target and a non-free target so that the free target can ~~generally~~ be recognized by the ~~ligand~~ ligands at a ~~substantially~~ an equivalent level as the non-free target when not bound to the microparticle, said at least two ligands having a dissociation constant with the free target and non-free target of at least about E-8 (M), ~~said at least one ligand comprising plural numbers of the~~ at least one ligand bond two ligands are bound to a surface of the microparticle ~~thereby increasing~~ affinity of the at least one ligand forming a ligand-bonded complex having increased affinity to the non-free target, ~~wherein the increasing~~ increased affinity of the ~~at least one ligand bond to a surface~~ of the microparticle allows ligand-bonded complex allowing specific binding of the ligand-bonded complex to a non-free target in the presence of both a non-free target and a free target.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein ~~two or more said~~ the at least two ligands comprise ligands each having the same affinity ~~are~~ bonded to the microparticle.

Claim 3 (Canceled):

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein the ~~ligand is~~ at least two ligands are directly bonded to the microparticle.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein a water-soluble macromolecule is bonded to the microparticle.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the ~~ligand-molecules~~ at least two ligands is indirectly bonded to the microparticle by a water-soluble macromolecule.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 5, wherein the water-soluble macromolecule is a polyalkylene glycol.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 5, wherein the water-soluble macromolecule is polyethylene glycol.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein the microparticle is selected from the group consisting of a low molecular drug, a protein, a micelle, and a liposome.

Claim 10 (Original): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 9, wherein the microparticle is a liposome.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 10, wherein the liposome encapsulates an active principal of a medicament.

Claim 12 (Original): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 11, wherein the medicament is an anti-tumor agent.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein the ligand is an antibody.

Claim 14 (Original): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein the antibody is an anti-tumor antibody.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 14, wherein the antibody is bonded by a water-soluble macromolecule to a liposome encapsulating an anti-tumor agent.

Claim 16 (Canceled):

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, ~~which comprises a~~ wherein the dissociation constant ~~between the target and one ligand of  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  M or greater~~ is at least about  $10^{-7}$  (M).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 2, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 4, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 5, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 6, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 7, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 8, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 9, including a drug for at least one of therapeutic and prophylactic treatments and diagnosis in the microparticle.

Claim 27 (New) The ligand-bonded complex according to claim 1, wherein the at least two ligands comprise at least two ligands of a single kind of ligand.